Medicine at Ayurvedic Dispensaries| Units at Dev Nagar, Delhi Cannt, North Avenue, Rama Krishna Puram Sector No. XII, Kidwai Nagar and Ayurvedic Hospital at Ali Ganj and in the Homoeopathic Dispensaries| Units at Kalkaji-I, Kasturba Nagar-I and Rama Krishna Puram Sector No. XII by the saniormost Chief Medical Officers|Senior Medical Officers of the concerned system.

Policy regarding transfer of class III officials from zonal office of the CGHS Headquarters

199. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy in respect of posting and transfer of Class-III officials in the zonal office of the CGHS Headquarters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some Class-III officials in CGHS Headquarters (Central Zone) are continuing for more than one decade;

(d) if so, the reasons for not transferring them; and

(e) by when the policy decision of posting and transfer are to be implemented on them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per existing transfer policy, the class III ' officials working in CGHS (HQ), including the zonal offices are transferred after every 4 to 5 years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Condition of Agra Mental Hospital

200. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 10th July, 1994 captioned "A lunatic asylum, a human zoo or a social waste-bin";

(b) if so, what are the details of mentally sick persons in the Agra Mental Hospital, one of the oldest institutes of this kind in the country;

(c) what remedial action the Central Government have taken so far in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The State Government has to take steps in accordance with the provisions of the Mental Health Act, and the Rules thereunder.

Presence of harmful substances in milk

201. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 7th July, 1994 captioned 'Hidden Poisons" in Milk alarm experts' regarding a recent study of milk samples from 12 states showing presence of high level of harmful pesticides residues, toxic metals and fungal particles;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Th Indian Council of Medical Research had undertaken a limited study which included a survey of food contaminants in milk. The majority of the samples were found to contain pesticide residues within the tolerance limits prescribed under the P.F.A. Rules. The study did not however, comment on the presence of toxic metals or fungal particles in milk.

(c) The Food Health Authorities of all States/U.Ts have been alerted to be more vigilant about the presence of contaminants including pesticide residues in food, to draw random samples for analysis and initiate appropriate punitive action under the PFA Act, 1954 to ensure sale of pure and wholesome food including milk.

Proposals of International Commission on Population and quality of life

202. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Commission on population and Quality of Life met a number of leaders of India during its visit to India;

(b) if so, the number of members who are representing the Commission, what are the main purposes of this commission and to what extent Government of India will be getting help from this population panel;

(c) whether any concrete proposals have been prepared by this Commission about the population and quality of life to be improved; and

(d) whether any concrete proposals have been implemented in this regard during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in India?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Independent Commission on Population and Quality of Life was initiated by several Govts., Foundations and International Oaganisations. It has 20 members. No concrete proposals and no offer of assistance have been received by Government of Indian from the Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

Rise in cases of AIDS in Asia

203. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 11th July, 1994 captioned "Asia may top in AIDS Cases" to the effect that by the end of the century, judging by the current rising graph of the incidence in India among other countries";

(b) whether according to Dr. Michael Merson, Executive Director of W.H.O.'s Global Programme on AIDS, the Asian region has recorded an eighth fold increase during July, 1993 June, 1994 from more than 30,000 to about 2,50,000 i.e. from one per cent to six per cent of the total;

(c) whether it is fact that the Manipur in the north east HIV prevalence rates among injecting drug users rose to 50 per cent between the late 1980s and 1982; and

(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take or have taken so far in this regard indicating the programme chalked out with WHO and other voluntary organisations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.